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# KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

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*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 5 of the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914.*

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SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st July, 1936.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, for the year ended 31st March, 1936.

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W. ROBERTSON, Under-Secretary.

The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

STAGNANT conditions have again prevailed during the year in the market. No demand whatever exists for the varnish grades and, indeed, remaining stocks of these are so small that it would be very difficult to fill any considerable order.

No definite results have yet been obtained from research in connection with solvent processes of purification. Synthetic resins have, however, obtained a very strong hold in the varnish and lacquer industries, and even if a satisfactory gum can be produced considerable difficulty will be experienced in regaining any appreciable portion of this market.

There is still a fairly consistent demand for the linoleum grades at prices about on a par with those existing in the previous year. As hitherto, Great Britain imports the vast majority of this gum, although in recent months a few increased orders have been noted from Montreal and New York.

The continued excess of exports over production has reduced stocks of chip grades also to a low level.

## EXPORT OF KAURI-GUM.

For the year ended 31st March, 1936, the export amounted to 2,669 tons, of the value of £75,802, an average price of about £28 per ton. The tonnage, value, and average price per ton of the export for the past sixteen years are—

Year ended 31st March.	Tonnage exported.	Value. £	Average per Ton. £
1921	6,131	524,701	85
1922	3,968	391,304	98
1923	6,080	520,409	85
1924	6,923	640,712	92
1925	5,432	446,019	82
1926	5,495	414,420	75
1927	4,529	301,335	66
1928	4,531	267,559	59
1929	4,566	241,223	53
1930	4,941	264,452	53
1931	3,145	155,602	49
1932	3,164	124,757	39
1933	2,060	57,970	28
1934	3,378	83,945	25
1935	3,412	91,070	27
1936	2,669	75,802	28

Details of the yearly export, and the country to which exported, from 1924 to 1936 are given below :—

*Particulars of Kauri-gum exported from New Zealand from 1924 to 31st March, 1936, inclusive.*

Country to which exported.	1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925.		1st April, 1925, to 31st March, 1926.		1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927.		1st April, 1927, to 31st March, 1928.		1st April, 1928, to 31st March, 1929.		1st April, 1929, to 31st March, 1930.	
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
United States of America	2,624	250,379	2,682	211,623	1,863	136,397	2,087	120,349	2,337	139,672	1,967	127,723
United Kingdom	2,360	169,975	2,350	179,868	2,036	133,032	2,043	127,401	1,504	77,479	2,425	117,677
Germany ..	117	6,367	107	4,670	127	5,432	119	6,613	234	7,949	100	2,646
Canada ..	97	5,726	101	3,569	144	7,181	165	6,329	208	7,448	202	7,169
Australia ..	24	2,006	9	1,198	15	911	33	1,448	8	408	106	3,908
Belgium ..	..	..	33	1,168	114	4,563	..	..	60	1,094	30	635
France ..	79	5,121	135	9,136	89	6,980	60	3,915	150	5,206	89	3,764
Austria-Hungary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Russia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	53	1,917	46	1,809	34	1,950	3	483	29	1,068	2	285
Sweden ..	20	820	..	..	46	1,929	1	132	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	55	3,546	..	2	51	2,469	..	..	10	127	..	..
Japan ..	3	162	22	1,027	10	476	20	843	26	772	20	645
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Denmark ..	..	..	10	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
China ..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	25	..	..	..	..
South African Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	5,432	446,019	5,495	414,420	4,529	301,335	4,531	267,559	4,566	241,223	4,941	264,452

Country to which exported.	1st April, 1930, to 31st March, 1931.		1st April, 1931, to 31st March, 1932.		1st April, 1932, to 31st March, 1933.		1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1934.		1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1935.		1st April, 1935, to 31st March, 1936.	
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
United States of America	823	46,510	681	33,082	268	11,208	875	30,174	394	20,602	553	24,488
United Kingdom	1,957	96,679	1,968	71,572	1,298	36,150	1,730	37,218	2,267	54,365	1,570	39,181
Germany ..	62	1,508	52	6,725	70	1,104	325	5,093	251	4,986	41	769
Canada ..	127	4,726	173	4,156	169	3,157	94	2,530	114	2,623	62	1,689
Australia ..	37	1,423	65	1,862	91	2,251	120	3,355	150	3,588	171	3,058
Belgium ..	43	975	69	1,154	15	230	11	208	..	..	42	889
France ..	71	2,701	94	4,173	83	2,452	143	3,642	116	2,768	122	3,193
Austria-Hungary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Russia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	4	218	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	90	11	262
Sweden ..	10	282	32	837	11	218	20	461	..	..	57	1,043
Italy ..	..	..	..	..	31	555	28	494	75	825	4	245
Japan ..	11	580	30	1,196	24	645	32	744	42	1,223	36	985
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..
Denmark ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
China ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South African Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	3,145	155,602	3,164	124,757	2,060	57,970	3,378	83,945	3,412	91,070	2,669	75,802

PRODUCTION DURING THE YEAR.

The kauri-gum received at Auckland from the gumfields for the past eight years is shown, month by month, in the following table :—

	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
April ..	295	339	441	309	405	240	202	221
May ..	390	426	374	394	245	161	224	211
June ..	331	285	247	263	144	238	148	164
July ..	364	349	309	244	153	162	150	258
August ..	331	317	194	251	43	150	193	172
September ..	288	323	214	208	128	219	201	134
October ..	356	534	328	192	176	320	307	220
November ..	407	441	317	276	182	326	243	260
December ..	245	268	277	172	188	209	268	190
January ..	290	371	158	194	167	165	312	182
February ..	275	412	281	277	213	325	274	220
March ..	240	563	386	224	185	289	336	160
Totals ..	3,812	4,628	3,526	3,004	2,229	2,804	2,858	2,392

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY ACCOUNT.

The assets of the Kauri-gum Industry Account have been realized, and the account has been abolished by statute.

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